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NOTIFICATION OF REASON FOR REJECTION

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The application should be refused for the reason mentioned below. If the applicant has any argument against the reason, such argument should be submitted within 60 days from the date on which the notification was dispatched.

Reason

1. The subject application does not comply with the requirements under Patent Law Section 36(6)(ii) with regard to the scope of claims.
2. The inventions in the claims listed below of the subject application should not be granted a patent under the provision of Patent Law Section 29(2) since they could have easily been made by persons who have common knowledge in the technical field to which the inventions pertain, on the basis of the inventions described in the publication listed below which was distributed in Japan or foreign countries prior to the filing of the subject application.

Notes (The list of cited documents etc. is shown below.)

(Reason 2)

[Claims 1, 2, 6-9 ---- Cited Document 1, 2]

The cited document 2 describes sending or receiving image processing control information along with image data. Therefore, it is perceived that a person skilled in the art could have easily arrived at the inventions in the above claims by applying the technique described in the cited document 2 instead of a set of image data and image processing parameters in the image processing device described in the cited document 1.

[Claims 3, 4, 5 ---- Cited Document 1-3]

It is well known, for example, as described in the cited document 3 to change the conversion processing depending on the specification of output device when converting an image.

If any reason for rejection is found later, it will be notified.

The list of cited documents etc.

1. JP 2000-115688A
2. JP 11-88672A
3. JP 11-127415A

Record of the result of prior art search

Searched field	IPC Version 7
	H04N1/40-60
Prior art documents	JP 6-8537A
	JP 10-191246A

This record of the result of prior art search is not a component of the Reason for Rejection.